IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In Application of:

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Bau, et al.

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DEVELOPMENT PLATFORM FOR STATEFUL WEB SERVICES Customer No.: 25,943

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AMENDMENT AND RESPONSE TO FINAL OFFICE ACTION IN SUPPORT OF REQUEST FOR CONTINUED EXAMINATION

To The Commissioner for Patents:

INTRODUCTORY COMMENTS

This paper is in response to the final Office Action mailed February 22, 2008. The shortened period for response extends to May 22, 2008. Claims 1, 3, 6-10, 12-17, 20-22, 31-33, 35-39, and 42-44 were rejected by the Examiner. Consideration of the above-captioned application is respectfully requested in view of the following amendments and remarks.

Amendments to the Claims begins on page 2 of this paper.

Remarks/Arguments begin on page 12 of this paper.